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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING PROJECT - NEGOTIATIONS WITH
WESTINGHOUSE

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1. MAHER ABAZA, MINELECTRICITY, UNDERSECRETARY,
TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 22 THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH WESTING-
HOUSE AIMED TOWARD CONCLUSION OF A CONTRACT FOR
NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING STATION WILL BEGIN IN
CAIRO ON APRIL 27. GE HAS EXTENDED ITS BID FOR
SIX MONTHS AT EGYPTIAN REQUEST. ABAZA SAID GOE
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT BOTH COMPANIES PRESENTED
GOOD PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH THEY BELIEVE THE WESTING-
HOUSE BID IS SUFFICIENTLY MORE ATTRACTIVE TO WARRANT
INDIVIDUAL NEGOTIATIONS. IF THEY SHOULD CHANGE
THEIR MIND DURING NEGOTIATINGS WITH WESTINGHOUSE THEY
WOULD QUOTE OF COURSE UNQUOTE IMMEDIATELY START DISCUSSIONS WITH GE.
ABAZA SAID HE HOPES THIS PROCESS WILL BE FINISHED IN
APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS.

2. ABAZA'S COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION TREATY

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